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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. PRESIDENT KENYATTA HAS ASKED ME TO DELIVER LETTER FROM HIM--WHICH I HAVE IN HAND--TO PRESIDENT FORD. I WILL BE IN DEPARTMENT AS OF OCTOBER 4 ON CONSULTATION, AND WILL AWAIT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER YOU WISH ME TO DELIVER LETTER PERSONALLY OR GIVE IT TO YOU.

2. PRESIDENT KENYATTA REMAINS SXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC REGARDING HIS SPECIAL REQUEST TO YOU FOR OCTOBER 20. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME BETWEEN NOW AND THEN PLUS OTHER FACTORS, HE WISHES TO CHANGE THE DATE TO DECEMBER 12, KENYA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY. HE HOPES THIS MAY HELP MAKE HIS REQUEST EASIER TO FULFILL.

3. PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S REPLY REGARDING A VISIT TO THE U.S. STILL STANDS (ALTHOUGH I NOW UNDERSTAND HIS REASONING BETTER): HE ACCEPTS IN PRINCIPLE BUT NOT FOR NOVEMBER 10. HE EXPRESSED A SINCERE WISH TO VISIT THE U.S.
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